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Quick Facts

- Carowinds thanked Malambri for his work on the theme park's annual Festival of Music program.
- Malambri came to Winthrop in 1978. He is an emeritus professor of music and emeritus director of bands.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Winthrop fans who visit the **Carowinds** theme park may notice a familiar name on a new building: **Dr. William "Bill" Malambri**, long-time professor of music and director of bands at Winthrop University.

Carowinds, located on the North and South Carolina border near Rock Hill, constructed the new warm-up building for the park's long-running **Festival of Music** program, an annual event featuring band, orchestra, choral and show choir performances.

Malambri has served as the theme park's consultant on the program for 38 years. Carowinds named the building in honor of Malambri's significant contributions, which include dramatically growing the program over the years.

The sign dedication in front of the building notes: "Under his leadership, the Festival

of Music has earned national status as a respectful educational program that incorporates musical and pedagogical integrity in an environment of fun. Carowinds is grateful to Dr. Malambri for sharing his talent with our program and its students."

Carowinds staff surprised Malambri and his family with the dedication in June.

Malambri humbly accepted the honor, noting that the festival's success is a "collective effort from a lot of people through a lot of years."

When the festival began in 1978, Carowinds staff asked Malambri if he would consider being a judge at the then-half-day program. He offered some thoughts on growing the program. Now, the festival spans 19 days and has welcomed judges of international repute.

Malambri's wife Becky said it was a "big surprise and a great honor."

Malambri joined the Winthrop community in 1978. His lengthy career has included conducting, clinician, adjudication and consultation assignments across the nation and globe, such as the

Bahamas, the Republic of Korea, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal. He's also performed with the United States Army Band and served as principal guest conductor for the International Music Camp, the Russian Admiralty Navy Band and others.

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